

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 523 without my signature.

California's transportation infrastructure needs far outstrip the resources available. Given the state's limited transportation resources, it is important to give local agencies the flexibility to use funds as they see fit rather than being forced to use the type of state-mandated formula that this bill perpetuates.

While bicycling is an important and growing component of California's multi-modal transportation system, prioritizing expenditures on bicycle-specific programs should be a local prerogative.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger